

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Brewer, Everett
Alternates Present: Levenson
Absent: Somers, Brady
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and sat Levenson for Somers.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously.

Brewer read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 18-06 – 8 Elm Street; Tim & Jill Mead, owners; Greg Ferguson, applicant; Compressors. PIN #261918208567

Greg Ferguson presented to the Commission for Tim & Jill Mead owners of 8 Elm Street. The applicant is seeking approval for the placement of 3 air conditioning condensers on the north side of the house, which faces Library Street. There will be no line sets on the house. The condensers will be placed on a gravel pad.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan

Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against the application and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

II. DELIBERATION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 18-06 – 8 Elm Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Levenson, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #2139.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Joseph St. Martin, owner of 50½ New London Road, appeared before the Commission to propose changing an existing casement window to a transom window that will be located higher on the side of his home. The new window will not have grills in keeping with the existing one over one windows on the house. He described the location of the subject property and explained that it is only visible from Ice House Lane.

Architect Julia Leeming and business owner Rebecca Foss appeared before the Commission to propose changes to 37 Water Street which is owned by Burnside LLC. Leeming explained that her client is planning to remake the existing commercial building into a Yoga Center. To do so, she is seeking permission to change a barn door and 2 windows on the second floor to bring more light into the studio. On the first floor the plan is for a reception area and juice bar. Enlarging a first floor window and replacing it with a glider was discussed; however, the Commission was not fully in favor and the applicant decided not to request this change. An awning with lettering will be added to the first floor. The applicant stated that they will probably use Marvin Integrity windows. The Commission requested more details about the awning for the public hearing.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. February 6, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 6, 2018, as written

Motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Levenson, 3, 0, 1 (Moriarty) Motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Moriarty noted that she has received an email from the Groton Town Clerk about a request from Patrick Crotty to form a centralized cemetery oversight committee. The Town Clerk is looking for some direction to give to Crotty regarding who might have the proper authority to form such a committee. Moriarty noted that the Historic District Commission was formed by State Statute and they may not have jurisdiction to form such a group.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. motion made by Moriarty, seconded by Brewer.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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